## Jackpile Reclamation Project PÚEBLO OF LAGUNA

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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY-JULY. 1990 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

During the month of July, 1990, the following items were addressed:

OPERATIONS: Hauling protore across the highway continued with the truck fleet. The dozers phased out of the sloping work in the South Paguate and the scrapers moved in to take care of the remaining backfill requirements. The dozers were then moved to begin miscellaneous sloping packages remaining in the South Faguate area. Heavy rains caused some minor operational delays as these rains were of a greater magnitude than had been seen in recent years. A terrace installation was done by LCC to gain cost and operational data. Progress continues to run ahead of the baseline projected durations and below target prices. Detailed discussions on individual work items and their associated costs is in the Landmark/Weston report.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS: The valuation of the Dean Witter Fund was \$16,891,436 based on a price of \$9.39/share. There have been modest improvements in the price for the past four months. Interest received on the Dean Witter account amounted to \$131,622.51 and was transferred to 1st National Bank. The balance at the 1st National Bank as of 8/1/90 was \$6,419,074.55 according to Ann Losee. This amount was increase substantially over June due to the maturing of the T-Bill purchase and depositing it into the checking account. Billings for Laguna Construction were about \$360,000 and from Landmark/Weston (which includes environmental expenses) was about \$78,000 which is for both June and July, 1990.

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III. ENGINEERING ITEMS: Final slope lengths and distances for the terracing work were finalized by Weston's engineering staff. Some adjustment in slightly increasing the terrace drainage slopes was made to enhance drainage but will not affect the overall footage or corresponding cost. Mike Bone of Weston made a presentation to George Farris (BIA-Environmental Manager, Washington, D.C.) about the work on-going in the Special Cases and soil/revegetation findings of Ed Kelley. All outstanding engineering issues should be completed this summer and incorporated into the remaining Project planning. Developement of the 2nd Year Operating Plan & Schedule continued with a proposed target for Council presentation in September.

IV. OTHER ITEMS: Modification #2 (which eliminates the CMC role and reduces their assistance to consulting services as-directed) is being formally approved by the BIA. A draft proposal to establish and train two Reclamation Technicians to absorb many of the inspection and monitoring functions now performed by Landmark Reclamation was submitted for Council comment. Initial reaction from BIA personnel (George Farris) was that no real problem with this idea was seen but that it would probably require another modification to the Cooperative Agreement. The New Mexico State Highway Department continued their work on repairing and upgrading the old section of SR-279, especially following some of the intense rainfalls experienced in the area during July.

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